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## MILK DEALERS DID NOT VIOLATE

ACCORDING TO VERDICT RETURNED BY THE JURY

Judge Declares Valentine Anti-trust Law Does Not Prevent Collective Bargaining.

That the farmers are not to be made the goats in the fight against the high cost of living was made evident last Friday when a jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of seven officials of the Ohio Farmers Co-operative Milk Co., who were indicted by the Cuyahoga county grand jury for alleged violation of the Valentine Anti-trust law.

Following the acquittal of the dairymen the prosecuting attorney made the statement that he was not satisfied with the interpretation placed on the law by Judge Powell, before whom the milk company officials were tried and announced that his prosecution of the Cleveland butter and egg board, and four Cleveland fruit dealers would depend upon the interpretation placed on the Valentine act by the supreme court of the state.

Those absolved from the charge of violating the anti-trust law by Friday's verdict are H. W. Ingersoll, of Elyria, president of the producers' organization; J. A. Clark, of Medina; S. A. Hull, of Perry; W. B. Richmond, of Elyria; Allan Mills, of Auburn; Z. A. Kent, Mantua and S. W. Keiner, of Lagrange.

All of the defendants with their attorneys, Walter D. Meals and William H. Boyd, were in the courtroom when the verdict was read. The state was represented by Assistant County Prosecutor Stephen M. Young, who assisted Doerfler in trying the case.

"It was the only verdict possible," Ingersoll said. "It is a clean vindication of the men comprising the producers' organization."

"We produced all the testimony we had, and we expected a conviction," Assistant Prosecutor Young said. "If the verdict of the jury truly represents the feeling of this community in view of the proof produced, it seems hopeless to prosecute any anti-trust law violators or food profiteers."

The jury began its deliberation at 10:50 Thursday morning and the verdict was agreed on at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. At Judge Powell's instructions it was sealed and delivered to him when court opened Friday morning.

According to H. W. Hackenberg, foreman of the jury, four ballots were taken. The first two stood five for conviction and seven for acquittal. The third ballot showed eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. As required by law, the fourth ballot was unanimous for acquittal.

Prosecutor Doerfler said his next step would be to try the civil case asking for the dissolution of the Ohio Farmers Co-operative Milk Company. This suit, filed shortly after the seven officials were indicted, asks that the secretary of state revoke the charter of the company on the grounds that it is not carrying out the purposes for which it was incorporated, as stated in the charter.

"This will afford an opportunity to the supreme court to construe the Valentine anti-trust act," Doerfler said. "I am not convinced that Judge Powell's interpretation of the law is correct. If the supreme court sustains the interpretation placed upon this law by Judge Powell, it will hardly be of any use to go ahead with any trust cases."

In answer to the prosecutor's statement, Judge Powell said:

"The gist of the action against the milk dealers was that they fixed, standardized and increased the price of milk. The evidence showed conclusively that the producers did not fix the price of milk but that the buyers did."

"I hold that the Valentine act grants an organization of men the right to collective bargaining. The intention of the statute is to prevent formation of a combination to create a monopoly in, and increase the price of commodities."

SUGAR IS SCARCE; ALL HAVE A LITTLE

Many housewives are having their troubles in securing sufficient sugar for canning and preserving purposes, and complaint have come to the Sentinel office in consequence.

On inquiry one grocer said that he had but one barrel of sugar but was only selling to his trade, and confined that to the town. He said he did not look for better conditions for six months, and that he was often without a pound.

A second grocer said he had about a hundred pounds and that so far he had been out only occasionally; said he was generally able to supply his customers. He had recently sold 25 pounds to a few for canning use; usually sold 5 pounds to a customer; sold but two pounds to strangers. Advice received by him indicated relief soon but he added that the wholesalers had been prophesying this for months and he was uncertain as to the outcome.

People who "shop about" for bargains are having a hard time to get all the sugar they want; those who trade regularly with a good merchant seem to be well cared for even now.

Since the above was written word was received from the wholesale distributors saying that ten tons was on its way for distribution among merchants here.

## DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS THIS M. E. CONFERENCE

At the M. E. conference held at Youngstown last week there was no published official list of appointments. A list of search the Sentinel representative has been able to secure the names of many of the nearby appointments. They are as follows:

Medina—Rev. W. H. Bryenton, returned.  
Brunswick—Rev. Wm. Kinsley.  
Granger—Rev. E. H. Thompson.  
Lodi—Rev. H. W. Courtney.  
Chatham—Rev. Jos. E. Paddock.  
Spencer—Rev. O. M. Peoples.  
Sharon Center—Rev. H. R. Chal-fant.

Seville—Rev. R. W. Gardner.  
Wadsworth—Rev. S. F. Ross.

Rev. M. T. Myers, who was at Bur-bank last year, goes to Loudonville.  
Dr. Connell, who supplied Chippe-wa Lake and Leroy last year, goes to Barborton and a new man has been named for the above charge.

Rev. E. P. Wood goes to Berea and a new appointment has been made for Wellington.

Dr. Wm. K. Anderson is bishop in the Cincinnati area, of which this conference is a part. He presided at Youngstown and made five of the principal addresses of the occasion. The area comprises Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

The meeting at Youngstown comprised both the lay and ministerial conferences. Combined they elected 11 delegates to the General conference held once in four years, which will convene at Des Moines, Iowa, next year.

Rev. George W. Orcutt is continued as the superintendent of the Wooster district and is one of the delegates. Conference approved the League of Nations.

## SPENDING HONEYMOON IN MICHIGAN CAMP

Mr. W. F. Robinson, of Chatham, and Miss Edna Lucille Chadwick, of Spencer, were married at the Congregational parsonage Saturday, Rev. Drew officiating. After dinner at the Union hotel they left for Michigan, where they will spend their honeymoon in camp-fishing and boating.

## COMMISSIONERS ASK ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

FILE PETITION WITH CLERK OF ELECTION BOARD

Question of One Mill Increase Will Be Voted On At November Election.

County commissioners on Wednesday of this week filed a petition with Clerk George Shane of the Board of Elections asking for a vote on the question of an additional levy of one mill for road purposes. The question will be submitted to the voters of the county at the regular election Nov. 4.

The petition is filed under authority of section 6926 of the General Code which permits county commissioners to ask for an additional levy up to and including two mills for road purposes providing a majority of the electors of the county vote in favor of the proposition.

According to the petition filed 30 per cent of the additional levy, if granted, will go toward new construction while 70 per cent will be used to repair and maintain roads already built.

The tax rate limit is 15 mills and in some townships the additional mill levy will still keep the rate below the limit. In other cases where taxing districts are already up to the limit the mill, if granted, will raise the rate above the regular limit.

## GIRLS OUT FOR GOOD TIME; COME TO GRIEF

Elizabeth Gecsey and May Starr, aged 14 and 16 respectively, two Cleveland girls, came to grief Thursday morning when they were reported to the sheriff for loitering around the B. & O. depot.

When first questioned the girls stated to officials that they lived on Bronson street, but later admitted they were from Cleveland and had come to Medina where the Gecsey girl lived a number of years ago. They stated that they had left their home Wednesday noon and had taken the first car out of Cleveland Thursday morning. According to their story they were at the B. & O. waiting for a car to take them back to Cleveland.

The sheriff took both girls into custody and made an effort to locate their parents, the supposition being that the girls had run away from home. At the time the Sentinel went to press the parents had not been located.

## PROMINENT GRANGER MAN BURIED LAST MONDAY

Luther A. Miller, prominent Granger township resident, and father of Clair Miller, died at the family home on Saturday morning of last week, aged 79 years and 10 months.

Funeral services were held from the late residence at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. Searles and Rev. Thompson officiated. Burial was made in Spring Grove cemetery, Medina.

Deceased is survived by a widow and one son, Clair Miller.

## HOLDS ANNUAL MEET AT MALLET CREEK

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION MAKES \$1,000 PLEDGE

Long List of Officers and Committee Chairmen Assigned Uplift Duties

The annual convention of the Medina county W. C. T. U. was held at Mallet Creek M. P. church Friday, Sept. 17. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. C. N. Nye. Mrs. G. A. Hinman, president of Mallet Creek union, gave the welcoming address, which was responded to by Mrs. Norman Clark, new president of Medina union.

Mrs. Hartman, chairman, announced a surprise, saying that Mrs. Stanley, whom they all knew, had come from her Florida home for a visit, and asked her to come forward. They gave her the white ribbon salute. This was followed by the introduction of Mrs. Viola Romans, state lecturer, of Columbus, and Rev. Hamilton, of Wadsworth, president county day federation. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. E. P. Hartman; vice president, Mrs. Minnie Durling; secretary, Mrs. H. H. Hartzog; recording secretary, Mrs. Viola Ross; treasurer, Mrs. Nellie Swigart.

Superintendents—Flower mission, Mrs. Chas. Davis; purity, Mrs. Ida Reynolds; mother's meetings and white ribbon recruits, Mrs. Ina Cumberworth; Sunday school and Sabbath observance, Miss Ida Waltz; contest, Mrs. Mae Ammerman; press, Mrs. Irvin Somers; S. T. I. Miss Ida Hawkins; Americanization, Mrs. Nettie Schlabach; anti-narcotics, Mrs. Eva Graf; periodicals, Mrs. Eva Critz; fairs, Mrs. Dickerman, Mrs. Coddling and Mrs. Snyder; Y. P. B., Mrs. Fannie Wood; L. T. L., Mrs. Jessie Lee; colored people, Mrs. Ida Schaub; social meetings and red letter days, Mrs. Edith Mayer; soldiers and sailors, Mrs. Minnie Durling; medical temperance, Mrs. Nellie Swigart; temperance and missions, Mrs. Harry Foskett.

After the noontide prayer, conducted by Mrs. Carrie Beach, all repaired to the town hall where the tables had been spread for the picnic dinner, on which about 15 parlock.

Where shall we go for good things to eat? The old Buckeye state, it cannot be beat.

The afternoon devotional service was conducted by Miss Eastwood. Mrs. O. G. Swartz sang a solo, Mrs. Roy Arick read a paper on "Human Motherhood" followed by the white ribbon recruit service, conducted by Mrs. Romans.

Mrs. Wood and Critz sang a duet. Miss Bluma Ziegler read a paper, "An Appeal of Daughters to their Mothers." Mrs. Roman's addresses, both afternoon and evening, were heartily applauded.

The evening session opened with prayer by Rev. Linard. Mrs. Hinman sang a solo, Mrs. Carrie Foskett read a paper on "Makers and Rulers of Nations," Miss Weiss and Miss Alexander sang a duet.

The goal is set for 1,000,000 members and 1,000,000 for the jubilee fund. Medina county has pledged to raise \$1,000.

## HUSH MONEY FAILS TO PREVENT INDICTMENT

George Haines, former Lodi man, now a resident of Elyria, was indicted last week by the grand jury on a charge of rape on a person under 16 years of age. Haines' indictment was one of the three secret indictments returned. He was arrested on Friday and released on \$1,000 bond, which he secured with about \$1200 worth of Liberty bonds.

Haines for the past 12 years has been employed by the Horr-Warner Co. as timekeeper at their onion farm near Burbank. According to the evidence laid before the grand jury he committed rape on the person of one Mary Daugherty, a 12-year-old girl of that vicinity on May 31st this year and on several other occasions. In order to keep the matter quiet Haines gave the girl's parents \$500 in Liberty bonds and a note for \$500 payable October 1st, 1919.

When arrested last week Haines denied that he had been guilty of the offense charged and stated that he dispensed with his hard-earned money merely to keep out of an argument with the girl and her parents. A doctor's examination of the girl, however, revealed the fact that she has been guilty of indiscretions.

Haines is 57 years of age, has a wife living, and is said to stand high in church and lodge circles.

## BAPTISTS SEEK PASTOR; HEARING CANDIDATES

The Medina Baptist congregation is now without a pastor. With a view to securing a man who can and will serve them acceptably several candidates are to be given opportunity to preach to the people here.

Rev. L. S. Doyle, of Three Rivers, Mich., addressed the congregation at morning and evening services, the past two Sabbaths. He made a good impression, is declared to be acceptable to many, and may be tendered a call later. But in the interim it has been decided to hear one or more other candidates.

## COURT DISPOSES OF FIVE CRIMINAL CASES

HOLDS HALF DAY SESSION ON WEDNESDAY

Three Orrville Youths Indicted for Murder Waive Examination and Will Enter Pleas Saturday

Grand jury cases were called for consideration Wednesday morning in Common Pleas. Ray Dague, of Spencer, was charged with assaulting Aelgia Jamison in his home and giving him a good beating.

The evidence showed that Jamison called on a sister of Dague, while the latter was away, against the wishes of the sister's parents. Dague, hearing of the visit, went home and found Jamison there, playing the piano. He at once proceeded to throw Jamison out, without warning, and in the melee Jamison was roughly handled.

Dague plead guilty and was fined \$50 and costs. The court took cognizance of the prosecutor's charge that the girl was of age, was paying her board, and that Dague had not warned Jamison to stay away.

Chs. McKenzie and Aloysius Seidle, who took C. F. Bockhoff's Ford from Chippewa Lake on June 15 for a ride and were arrested at Leroy, plead guilty. When arrested they told a fishy story but later Seidle admitted the facts; they were joy riding. They were fined \$100 and costs each.

Chester Crumpacker and Andy Michols were charged with stealing \$100 from Charles Libby.

Michols had been convicted before and was out on parole. The theft was from the family where he had been working and he had explained the case so the court gave him an indeterminate sentence in the Mansfield reformatory of one to seven years. He may, later, be allowed to go to the boys' school at Lancaster.

Crumpacker, because of former good record and no past conviction, was given the same sentence, but the sentence suspended and the convicted lad paroled in care of Rev. Goodale. He will be allowed to return to his Indiana home, but must report monthly.

Fred Payne, of Wadsworth, a colored lad, accused of gambling, plead guilty and will be heard further Saturday morning.

Clyde Lawrence, Claude Blood and Harold Hulderman, charged with murder in the first degree and burglary and larceny waived examination. V. F. Ainsworth was appointed Clyde Lawrence and Harold Hulderman's attorney and J. W. Seymour as Blood's attorney. They will plead on Saturday.

Kirk Sealey, charge with non-support motion to quash indictment will be heard Saturday.

Peter Pfeffer, accused of stealing and operating H. F. Evans' auto from the fair grounds, plead guilty but was not sentenced.

Myers Abramson, of Wadsworth, was not in court but is to appear Saturday. He is accused of a menacing assault.

Frank Butto, Wadsworth, charged with shooting with intent to kill, held in \$200 bond. Judge Phillips appointed to defend him.

George Haines accused of personal assault on 12 year old girl, plead not guilty. Bond fixed at \$1000. Harrison Ewing appointed attorney.

Elbert Johnson, charged with the malicious destruction of growing fruit trees, was also arraigned and plead not guilty.

## ARRESTER FOR STEALING FURS; FINALLY CONFESSES

Roe Malone and Lloyd Covey, two pipe line men who have been boarding at the Mrs. Myers home in Erhart, were arrested on Monday evening of this week by Deputy Sheriff Hange and brought to the Medina county jail on a warrant charging them with the theft of a fur piece, the property of Miss Martha Appleby, of Valley City.

Miss Appleby had been in Erhart the previous Saturday evening and had left her furs in an automobile, standing along the street. When she was about to return home she discovered her loss and notified the local authorities.

Monday Hange went to the boarding house occupied by the two men and located the furs underneath a mattress of their bed. When arrested the men denied any knowledge of the robbery and stated that some one else must have taken the stolen property there. Mrs. Myers has 15 or 18 boarders at her home and two others are in the same room with the alleged culprits.

Tuesday evening the sheriff and deputy paid another visit to the Myers boarding house and in searching some grips found a vest belonging to a Valley City man and a raincoat belonging to a son of Julius Wolf, of Mallet Creek. Both these articles had also been stolen from machines at different times. The suit case in which they were found belonged to Covey.

When questioned further after the officials return Covey admitted that he had stolen the articles and made a full confession. His hearing was scheduled to take place before Judge Van Dusen some time Thursday afternoon.

Malone, who evidently was not connected with the affair, was released from jail following his pal's confession.

## RINGLEADER SENT TO LANCASTER INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Clinton Edwards, aged 11 years, ringleader of a gang of three Chatham boys, was adjudged a delinquent in juvenile court on Tuesday afternoon of this week and sentenced to the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster for an indeterminate length of time.

According to the evidence produced at the hearing the Edwards lad, Milo McKiver, aged 10, and Theodore Carter, same age, have become more or less a nuisance in the community in which they live by their numerous thefts of eggs, which they would sell to the village storekeepers, and numerous other trifles from the store owners themselves. The affair has been going on for some time and culminated last week in the disappearance of \$15, which belonged to the school book fund and was taken from the desk of Miss Leach, one of the teachers. When the teachers discovered her loss she immediately notified all storekeepers of the village to be on the lookout for any child of school age who appeared with more than his usual amount of spending money. In this way suspicion was attached to the three and when questioned two of the boys admitted the theft while the Carter lad denied that he had taken any part in the operations but had been presented with a third of the amount as "hush money." Nearly all the money was returned to the teachers.

When arraigned the Carter lad turned states evidence and implicated the other two boys, although it was brought out that the McKiver lad's parents had never been informed as to the indiscretions of their boy and consequently had used no corrective measures.

The father of the Edwards boy was in court and admitted frankly that he could do nothing with the youngster.

Theodore Carter is a son of Mrs. Edwards and has been living with his grandfather, Charles Carter.

The county board of visitors who handle all delinquency cases recommended to the judge that the ring be broken up by sending the Edwards lad to Lancaster and placing the other two lads on probation, providing a different home could be found for the Carter boy.

## HIS AUTO WRECKED; DR. DAMON ESCAPES

DOCTOR AND CHAUFFEUR JUMP JUST IN TIME

House's Crossing, Scene of Accident, Said to Be a Danger Spot—Other Accidents Here

Dr. G. J. Damon and his chauffeur, George Babcock, met with an accident at House's crossing on the interurban railway, about 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, in which the doctor's Overland car was totally destroyed and the two men escaped none to soon to save their lives.

They were driving north on their return from the Infirmary where the doctor had been called to visit a patient. Though driving slowly they were almost on the track when they saw a car approaching from the north at full speed. Unable to make the crossing in safety, as their car stalled when it was part way across, Dr. Damon jumped and called to Babcock to do likewise. Neither was hurt but they had just alighted when the car struck the auto full force and reduced it to a mangled wreckage.

For one moment after alighting the Doctor tried to push the auto from the track, but seeing the impossibility of accomplishing this he called to Babcock to jump and himself walked a safe distance from the machine. Neither was injured. Both say they could not see the interurban coming until a few feet from the track, and without time to get across; the engine, too, stalling just at the time the front wheels rose upon the track, quick work was made necessary for both to escape injury.

House's crossing is said to be a danger point as the road and railroad run nearly parallel at that point for some distance. Brush and weeds, too, obstruct one's vision as he makes the approach; the dusk of evening adding to the obstruction in this instance.

Reports say that one or more machines have been destroyed at this crossing in the past, and that it is not so long ago when the railway people were called upon to pay for an auto that was destroyed under similar circumstances.

## EASTERN TIME USED; WAS CENTRAL YEARS AGO

The question of time zone was raised here Thursday. Will the clocks in the city be turned back October 1 was asked? What standard is used here?

Medina clocks are set to Eastern standard. Two years ago clocks were advanced from Central standard, then last spring they were a second time advanced. But people of Cleveland and suburbs did not like the second advance and soon returned to the Eastern standard, at which point of time they are now running. The time used in Medina is Eastern standard, an hour faster than a few years ago—Central standard. No move is being made to return to Central standard.

## PROMISE N. COURT WILL BE COMPLETED

THEY'RE LAYING BRICK ON W. SMITH ROAD NOW

Ry. Co. Notified to Build Tracks Immediately—Work To Be Rushing in Ten Days.

Work of laying brick on West Smith road was begun Tuesday with promises made—weather conditions proving favorable—that the street will be completed in a week or ten days. Both the Court end and that abutting the N. O. Ry. are bricked, and the workmen are finishing the middle portion.

It is promised that work will begin on North Court street within a week or ten days, and if weather permits the work is to be completed this fall. The interurban people have been notified to lay temporary tracks on the side of the street that the work of excavating may begin, and with the completion of paving on one side of the street the laying of permanent tracks is to keep pace. This, it is promised, will be followed closely with the paving of the second side of the street.

It is said that the steam shovel now on the ground will greatly expedite the excavation, thus insuring an early completion of the whole improvement. As the present curb is to be left intact, it being in good condition, this will also greatly lessen the time necessary for final completion of the work.

The paving contract provides that the railway company must begin work on its temporary and permanent tracks within two days of request by the paving company. This request was made in writing a week ago so that work should now be in operation in order to conform to contract.

The public should do everything possible to aid in securing an early completion of the improvement, and collectively and individually it should insist on its completion before winter weather sets in.

The contractor is making earnest effort to secure additional men, and visited several cities the first of the week in an attempt to get as many as he could use to good advantage.

## TWO MEDINA NIMRODS PLAN FALL HUNTING

John DeWitt, of Ypsilanti, Mich., who is visiting friends here and who was a former resident of this county, and Wm. Frazier, who is well and favorably known this county over, are among the mighty Nimrods produced in Medina and vicinity.

These men met Monday and rehearsed some of their past hunting exploits, to the pleasure of listening friends. No two men in the county are known for greater prowess, and when they go hunting they, as the saying is, "Bring home the bacon."

Both men are planning for a hunt a little later in the season. Mr. Frazier will go to the woods several hundred miles above Quebec, in Canada, with a small party from Medina county.

Mr. DeWitt, with a small party from near his home at Ypsilanti, will go into the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. White Fish Bay, on Lake Superior, is a hunting ground well known to Mr. DeWitt, so that is his choice for another season.

## COMMISSIONERS LET FOUR BRIDGE CONTRACTS

Commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday of this week let the contract for the building of four bridges, the lowest bidder in three cases being the Lodi Concrete Co., of Lodi, while the fourth contract was given to H. O. Putman.

The bridges awarded were Bridge 10, Road 31, and Br. 11, Road 31, both in Harrisville township, which were given to the Lodi Concrete Co., on their bid of \$495.47 and \$435.46, respectively. This same company also receive the contract of Bridge 9, Road 6, county line road in Litchfield-Grafton townships for \$957.35.

H. O. Putman received the contract for Br. 51, Road 49, Montville township, his bid being \$775.36.

## BIBLE SCHOOL RALLY WITH MISSION SPEAKER

The Bible school of the Church of Christ will hold a rally next Sunday at 10 a. m. An effort is being put forth to make this a red letter day in the history of the local organization.

The speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Robert Hopkins, secretary of the American Christian Missionary Society which has charge of the mission work in that denomination in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Hopkins has been an extensive traveler, having visited Palestine, South Africa, India, Europe and South America. He is said to be a most entertaining speaker and will come to Medina with a most instructive story of missions.

## RING VERDICT \$525, BARABAS CASE NEXT

The verdict in the second dispute over right of way sought by the Buckeye Pipe Line Co., the case of Nellie Ring, gives the Rings \$525 damages. On request of the jury a recess was granted for a week. Next Monday the case of Frank and Mary Barabas will be called.